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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA: POSITION OF SAO TOME

1. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SAO TOME AT THE UN HAS TOLD OUR MISSION IN NEW YORK THAT SHE IS UNDECIDED ON HOW TO VOTE ON BOTH THE PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THE KOREAN DEBATE. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PRESSURE FROM THE RADICAL AFRICAN GROUP MAY CAUSE HER TO VOTE FOR THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. SHE SAID SHE WOULD FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BUT DECLINED TO REQUEST THEM. WE WOULD LIKE THE SAO TOME FOREIGN MINISTRY TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS FOR AT LEAST ABSTENTION ON ALL VOTING ISSUES CONNECTED WITH THE KOREAN DEBATE IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO REACH THEM.

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2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE GSTP LIAISON OFFICE IN LIBREVILLE AND REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM BE TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SAO TOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S FOLLOWING UP ON THE REQUEST. AT ITS DISCRETION, THE EMBASSY MAY USE WHATEVER ALTERNATE MEANS SEEM FEASIBLE TO GET OUR REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SAO TOME GOVERNMENT. YOU WILL NOTE MEMORANDUM ASKS FOR FULL SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION. OUR EXPECTATION HOWEVER IS

THAT IT MAY RESULT IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN ABSTENTION. EMBASSY SHOULD OF COURSE TAKE ANY OPPORTUNITY BETWEEN NOW AND VOTE (EXPECTED OCTOBER 29) TO MAKE SIMILAR POINTS WITH SAO TOME OFFICIALS EMPHASIZING NEED FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS MISSION IN NEW YORK.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF MEMORANDUM (AFTER COURTESY OPENING)

SUBJECT: KOREAN ITEM IN THE 30TH UNGA

THE UNITED STATES, TOGETHER WITH TWENTY SEVEN OTHER COSPONSORS, HAS PROPOSED A RESOLUTION ON KOREA TO THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS RESOLUTION HAS THE FOLLOWING AIMS:

-- MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE WITHOUT THE UN COMMAND;

-- A MEETING OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED - THE TWO KOREAN GOVERNMENTS, THE US AND CHINA - TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE;

-- ACHIEVEMENT OF REDUCTION OF TENSION AND THE RECONCILIATION OF THE PARTIES.

THE OPPOSING RESOLUTION MAY APPEAR TO HAVE SIMILAR OBJECTIVES. IN FACT, HOWEVER, IT AIMS FOR:

-- A CONFERENCE TO WHICH THE SOUTH KOREANS ARE NOT EVEN TO BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE;

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-- ABOLITION OF THE UN COMMAND WITHOUT ACHIEVING AN AGREED ARMISTICE REPLACEMENT MECHANISM TO ASSURE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE;

-- REMOVAL OF ALL US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEIR PRESENCE IS A BILATERAL MATTER, AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT NORTH KOREA IS MAINTAINING ITS DEFENSIVE TREATIES WITH THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

AND USSR WHICH HAVE TROOPS ACROSS THEIR BORDERS WITH
NORTH KOREA.

-- THE RESOLUTION COSPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES WAS
SUBMITTED TO THE UN SECRETARIAT ON JUNE 27. THE
OPPOSING RESOLUTION WAS SUBMITTED ON AUGUST 8.
ACCORDING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RULES OF PROCEDURE, OUR
RESOLUTION, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE PUT TO VOTE FIRST WHEN
THE KOREAN ITEM IS DISCUSSED IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE.
EVEN STATES WHICH MAY BE NEUTRAL ON SUBSTANCE CAN

COMFORTABLY SUPPORT US IN THIS AREA BECAUSE THEY ARE
SUPPORTING AN ESTABLISHED RULE OF PROCEDURE.

-- THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE
RESOLUTION IT COSPONSORS REPRESENTS THE PREVIOUSLY
EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE
INTEREST OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA
MUCH BETTER THAN DOES THE COMPETING RESOLUTION.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED THEREFORE IF THE GOVERNMENT
OF SAO TOME, IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOPING CLOSE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, WOULD INSTRUCT
ITS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK
TO VOTE FOR PRIORITY OF CONSIDERATION FOR OUR
RESOLUTION, VOTE FOR OUR RESOLUTION AND AGAINST THE
OPPOSING RESOLUTION.

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